

Lincoln Sailors Judge School Science Fair

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Five Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) volunteered their time to talk to students and judge 60 science fair projects at Naval Avenue Elementary School (NAES) in Bremerton, Wash., Thursday, March 2.

The projects ranged from how mold grew on slices of cheese to why diet soda explodes when candy mints are added to it.

"I thought (the projects) were really well thought out," said Fire Controlman 3rd Class (AW/SW) Christian Blanco. "I was really impressed by the students' work."

"You could tell the students put a lot of effort into their projects," said Senior Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate (AW/SW) Jeffrey Borja.

The volunteers spent over two hours talking to the students and judging their projects.

Each Sailor had different reasons to volunteer for the trip, but each one said they enjoyed their time spent with the students.

"I'm a geographic bachelor," Borja said. "My 13-year-old son lives in Florida, and I really miss him. I remember helping him with his seventh-grade science project and how excited he was for it to be judged. It's a good feeling to get out and to become a part of the community."

"My oldest son is seven," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class



Photo by MCSN Kathleen Corona

Personnelman Seaman Apprentice Zachery Gutierrez and Washington Reading Corps Volunteer Tom Powel judge science projects at Naval Avenue Elementary School in Bremerton, Wash.

Keashia Garner, "and he's very into science, so it's nice to come out and see what students in this area are doing. It's great to know that the state of Washington really cares about what its students are learning. I try to volunteer as much as possible."

The Sailors were not the only ones who enjoyed their time at

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Deck Department Gives Abe 'That New Ship Look'

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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) has a new paint job thanks to the Sailors from the ship's Deck Department.

Since work began in late August, these Sailors have applied haze-gray paint using rollers and brushes to more than 250,000 square feet of the ship's hull and weather decks, and black paint to an additional 20,000 square feet at the waterline. Though major work ended when Lincoln left drydock in December, teams are still hard at

work keeping it looking like new.

"We've used 110 five-gallon cans of paint since we started DPIA (Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability)," said Lincoln's Boatswain, Chief Warrant Officer Carlos E. Rudolph. "And we're still doing touch-up."

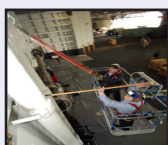
Rudolph said that normally this tremendous undertaking would be performed by workers from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, but due to time and budget restraints, Lincoln's Deck Department enacted their own aggressive plan to paint the ship themselves within the allotted time.

"No other aircraft carrier's deck department, at least in the last 5 years, has taken it upon themselves to paint the ship from the waterline up," Rudolph said.

He added that the reason for this is the difficulty of ensuring that environmental procedures are followed, equipment is set up properly, and that the work is coordinated with other projects going on around the ship. Rudolph said that Deck Department foresaw the challenges they would face and took steps to prepare for them

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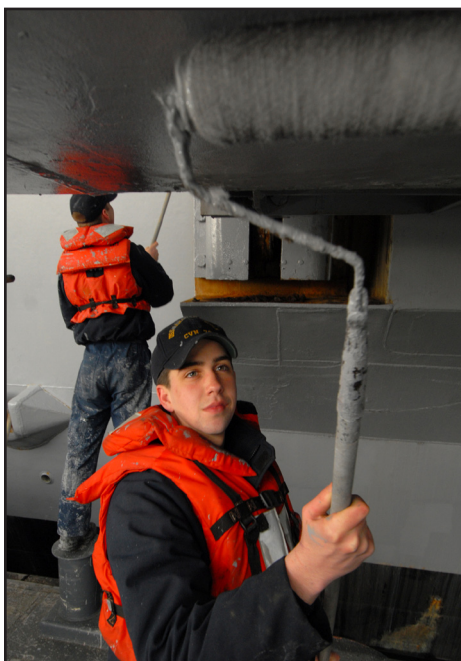


Photo by MC3 James R. Evans

Seaman Harold G. Lanham applies haze-gray paint to an elevator on the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72).

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before painting even began.

“Our guys got training from the shipyard to ensure that all environmental concerns were understood,” Rudolph said, “We also rented our own aerial work platforms so we could meet the schedule we set for ourselves.”

Rudolph and Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW/AW) Johnny R. Ford, who supervised most of the work, both estimate that their department's efforts shaved millions of dollars from the normal cost of painting, based on comparing figures they've heard for other carriers.

Teams of junior sailors worked around-the-clock, seven days a week through a wet, windy Pacific Northwest winter to get Lincoln's hull looking good as new.

“We had two teams of 15 people working 8-hour shifts each day and night so we could get the job done on time,” said Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class (SW) Willie Pagan, a team supervisor. “A lot of the work had to be done at night or on the weekends because during the workday the shipyard workers would be

working in the areas that we had to get to," he said.

Each team was comprised of a group of 13 seamen and a pair of petty officers who supervised and ensured that quality and environmental standards were being met.

“None of what we accomplished could have been done without the leadership of our second and third class petty officers in charge of the teams,” Ford said, “They were out there every day making sure it was done right and on time.”

Ford said that in addition to compliments from the crew, he and the rest of Deck Department's leadership were also impressed with the way the ship looks.

"It actually surprised us—the day we came out of dry-dock, myself, the boatswain and the First Lieutenant went out to have a look and honestly, it looked like a whole new ship."

The combined efforts of work teams like Deck Department's paint crew have helped bring Lincoln closer to achieving operational readiness as DPIA draws to a close and the ship prepares to get underway.

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the elementary school.

“I think (the Sailors) were awesome, and I really liked their uniforms,” said Shemira Washington, a fourth grader at NAES.

“The children really loved the Sailors,” said Julie Wasserburger, the school’s librarian. “I think coming in their (service dress blue) uniforms really showed the kids that the community cares about them.”

Community Relations projects give Sailors a chance to represent their command and the Navy in a positive light. In addition to benefiting the Navy's image, the COMREL benefits Sailors as well as the students they met.

Anyone who would like to know more about community relations projects should keep an eye on the Plan of the Day, Channel 9 on ship's TV, KRUZ Radio, or contact the Religious Ministries Department at j-dial 7148.



Women's History Facts

Since 1979 more women have been enrolled in college than men.

In 1928 Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel.

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Deck Department Keeps Her Looking Like New

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Community News

Just About Time for a Hangar Bay Makeover

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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) is taking another step toward operational readiness at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as the ship's Hangar Bay Two receives a makeover by V-3 division in Air Department. The work is scheduled to be completed by March 26.

Hangar Bay Two is usually the first place people see when they come aboard the Lincoln. It is also where several special events have been staged on the ship. Everything from change-of-command ceremonies, distinguished visitor receptions, and ship talent shows have all taken place there.

Sailors in V-3 division worked in Hangar Bay Two around the clock - cleaning, repainting, and sanding both day and night.

"We worked on it from about 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.," said Aviation Boatswains Mate Airman Jim Woodard. "Then we work through happy hour. Then duty section picks it up from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and then night shift comes in."

Cleaning dust and other debris off the deck would normally be done with an air hose, which takes about two days. However, because of Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA) restrictions, V-3 is limited to cleaning the hangar bay with foxtails and dustpans.

Rehabilitation is expected to be completed before a change-of-command ceremony for Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine on March 26th. Hangar Bay Two will be Rear Admiral Bill Goodwin's last glimpse inside the ship, and Rear Admiral Scott Van Buskirk's first glimpse at the duties that lie ahead.



Photo by MCSN Brandon Wilson

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman Maurice Espinoza and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Louis Schubert apply paint to the bulkheads in USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Hangar Bay Two.



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Editorial

Lincoln Celebrates Women's 'Her'-story Month

By MC2 (SW) MICHAEL COOK
Penny Press staff

March is National Women's History Month. In honor of this, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and the "Penny Press" will be recognizing exceptional female servicemembers in the coming weeks. In this week's installment we'll give a history of the observance, and how the U.S. Military applauds the contributions from female Sailors throughout the fleet.

In a naval message sent last month (NAVADMIN 032/07), Rear Adm. Edward Masso, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, commented on this year's theme for the celebration: Generations of Women Moving History Forward. "(This year's theme) recognizes the wisdom and tenacity of the generations of women who have come before us and those who will follow," he wrote.

Today's generation of Sailors includes thousands of women in our ranks serving from the shore, the sea and the skies above, which is something that hasn't always been true.

In May 1908, Congress authorized the establishment of a female Nurse Corps, formally allowing women to join the Navy for the first time. By October of that same year, 20 women had been appointed to the Corps and were preparing for their initial

assignments at several naval hospitals. These nurses, who came to be called "The Sacred Twenty," were the first women to formally serve as members of the Navy. In early 1917, as the U.S. entered into WWI, more than 1,550 women served in the Navy Nurse Corps.

The first large-scale enlistment of women in the Navy took place in March 1917, as the Yeoman Female (F) program recruited the help of more than 11,000 women to aid in clerical and administrative work during WWI. In July 1919, following the post-war Naval reductions in personnel, all women in the Yeoman (F) program were released from active duty.

After an absence from the Navy for many years, women were again asked to join in August 1942. This time the country called on their help to join in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services (WAVES) program.

WAVES allowed women to join as enlisted Sailors as they had in the past, and for the first time ever, they were allowed to become commissioned officers. Mildred McAfee became the Navy's first female commissioned officer on August 3, 1942 and was given the title of WAVES Director.

McAfee called on the help of prominent female educators and professionals

to help her guide the new organization. Within a year of its inception nearly 27,000 women had joined WAVES to help the WWII efforts.

Unlike the Yeoman (F) program, women serving in WAVES held a wide range of occupations, from the Judge Advocate General Corps to the aviation, communications and intelligence communities.

By the end of WWII there were more than 8,000 female officers and nearly 85,000 female enlisted Sailors serving in the Navy.

According to NAVADMIN 032/07, women serving in the Navy today "comprise 15-percent of the total force. Today's generation of women includes two three-star admirals, 14 total active duty female flag officers with three female flag officer selectees. Women are commanding major commands, combatant ships, aviation squadrons, civil engineer corps commands and numerous other operational and shore commands. There are currently seven women in command of surface combatants, three in aviation command and 44 enlisted women serving as command master chiefs."

Women's History Month, which was originally approved by Congress in 1987, is now celebrating its 20th year of being a nationally observed commemoration.

Welcome Aboard USS Lincoln

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)

would like to welcome the following Sailors on board:



AA Kristina Davis
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Local News



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



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USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Executive Officer Capt. Thomas E. Nosenzo drops the first puck at an Everett Silvertips game, Wednesday.

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Things a guy learns during an action film

10. If the mission is important enough, I will never have to bathe or do anything but the mission.

9. If I get shot, a beautiful woman will fall in love with me.

8. If I have a prolonged fist-fight with another guy and neither of us dies, we will become best friends.

7. When I shoot people they will die quickly and cleanly, and I will never be arrested.

6. When people shoot me, however, I will at most get a 'flesh wound,' which will be tended to by a beautiful woman.

5. When in doubt, I cut the green wire.

4. I can save a 100 story building from a terrorist invasion, barefooted.

3. After a long career of action movies I may still be a pregnant man someday, or even worse ... a governor.

2. If I am not a cop, mercenary soldier, or investigator, I am a sissy.

1. No matter what, without Chuck Norris none of the above matters.